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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECTOR  
AGREEMENTS, JANUARY - APRIL 1978

1. JOHN BEATTIE, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR TRANSPORT SECTOR OF NEW ZEALAND EMPLOYERS FEDERATION, HAS ASKED LABATT TO ASSIST HIM IN GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES WHO MAY BE ENGAGED IN TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS DURING JANUARY - APRIL 1978.

2. BEATTIE HAS JUST CONCLUDED A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF A BASIC DRIVERS (TRUCKERS) CONTRACT. THIS WAS FIRST AWARD IN SIX YEARS TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVES FREE OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. BEATTIE WILL BE IN THE U.S. BETWEEN JANUARY - APRIL 1978 ON A FOUNDATION GRANT AND WHILE THERE

WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH U.S. SYSTEM OF FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, ESPECIALLY AS IT APPLIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION BEATTIE HAS AUFEDCR (A) WILL MAJOR TEAMSTERS CONTRACT BE IN PREPARATION OR NEGOTIATION DURING JANUARY - APRIL PERIOD? (B) WHAT OTHER TRANSPORTATION UNCLASSIFIED

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SECTOR AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE IN NEGOTIATIONS AT THAT TIME?

(C) IF NEITHER (A) NOR (B), WHAT OTHER MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE IN PROCESS WHICH HE MAY OBSERVE? (D) CAN DEPARTMENT OR DOL PROVIDE NAMES/ADDRESSES OF APPROPRIATE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION AND TEAMSTERS CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS EAST AND WEST COAST REGIONAL TRUCKING CENTERS?

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